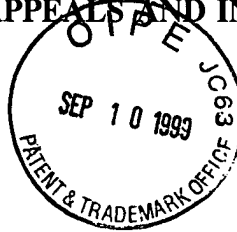


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re the Application of: Suong-Hyu HYON et al

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Date: September 10, 1999

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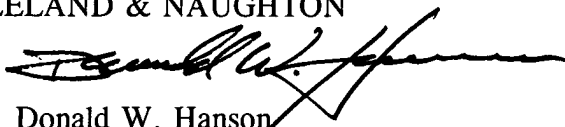
Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated May 10, 1999 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1, 3 and 5-13.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. XX A petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the Final Rejection was filed on September 10, 1999.
2. XX A timely response to the Final Rejection has been filed, as provided in 37 C.F.R. 1.133.
3. XX Fee -\$300.00 or ___ Small Entity -\$150.00
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In the event this Notice of Appeal is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this Notice.

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